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Incoming Media and Congressional Inquiries and Selected News Clips for Regional Administrator's "Real Time" Awareness (Dec. 18, 2017)

Congressional Interest/Inquiries:

Congressional inquiry about Tanker Truck Accident beside North Santiam River: On December 18, Region 10 responded to an inquiry from the Salem office of OR Senator Jeff Merkley about a tanker truck rollover that resulted in gasoline entering the North Santiam River. We also sent information to the Salem offices of OR Senator Ron Wyden and OR Congressman Kurt Schrader.

State Department Response to Alaska Delegation on British Columbia Mining: Last month AK Senators Lisa Murkowski and Dan Sullivan, Congressman Don Young, Governor Bill Walker, and Lt. Governor Byron Mallott wrote to Secretary Rex Tillerson to convey their continued concerns about potential effects that development of large mines in British Columbia could have on rivers that flow from Canada to Southeast Alaska. The State Department's response on December 14 included that they have established an interagency work group, co-chaired with EPA, to coordinate action and communicate concerns to the Canadian government.

Press Inquiries:

Oregon Public Broadcasting, Ericka Guevarra follow up on outcomes from Kell Kelly and Chris Hladick meetings on Portland Harbor – **Open**

Peninsula Clarion: Reporter Elizabeth Earl emailed to follow up on Integrated Water Body report released from Alaska DEC last week, re timeline for EPA approval. Dunbar coordinating with program. [Status: OPEN]

KUOW News: Reporter John Ryan emailed to seek confirmation that "Doug Ericksen is starting a new job tomorrow at EPA Region 10, senior advisor for public engagement. Can you confirm the details of Ericksen's position – when he starts, what the job is, etc.?" Coordinating with HQ OPA. [Status: OPEN]

Anchorage Daily News: Reporter Alex Demarban called re EPA's review of the public comments on Bristol Bay/Pebble Mine, re Pebble's new partner, expected permit application. Response: no update on comments review or details. [Status: CLOSED]

Relevant Local and National News Clips:

Environmental Protection Agency Awards Millions For Puget Sound Recovery

Northwest Public Radio | December 15, 2017 | <http://nwpr.org/post/environmental-protection-agency-awards-millions-puget-sound-recovery>

Work delayed at Hanford project over worker safety

Associated Press | Dec. 15 | <https://hosted.ap.org/article/e35d4da7e4cd407dbfff3ec1f8353844/work-delayed-hanford-project-over-worker-safety>

Salem turns to backup drinking water supply after fuel spill in N. Santiam River

Statesman Journal | Dec. 17 |

<http://www.statesmanjournal.com/story/tech/science/environment/2017/12/17/salem-turns-backup-drinking-water-supply-after-fuel-spill-n-santiam-river/>

Unknown Amount Of Oil Spilled Into North Santiam River After Tanker Crash

OPB | Dec. 16 | <https://www.opb.org/news/article/oil-spill-santiam-river-oregon-tanker-crash/>

Fatal fuel truck crash closes Highway 22 near Idanha and spills gasoline into the North Santiam River

Register-Guard | Dec. 16 | <http://registerguard.com/rg/news/local/36257092-75/linn-county-crash-kills-bend-driver-and-spills-gasoline-into-the-north-santiam-river.html.csp>

DEQ, state agencies responding to tanker crash

Oregon DEQ | Dec. 16 | <http://www.oregon.gov/newsroom/Pages/NewsDetail.aspx?newsid=2471#.WjX6nJaC7M4.twitter>

New plans for some threatened salmon will 'not get us to recovery,' feds say

Idaho Statesman and Olympian | Dec. 16 |

<http://www.theolympian.com/news/local/article189314754.html>

At science conference, University of Alaska Fairbanks researchers talk Arctic changes

Daily News Miner | Dec. 17 |

http://www.newsminer.com/features/sundays/community_features/at-science-conference-university-of-alaska-fairbanks-researchers-talk-arctic/article_7b9dcc3e-e2b5-11e7-87f5-bfbb32380c77.html

U.S. and Canada to begin talks in 2018 on modernizing Columbia River Treaty

Associated Press | Dec. 17 | <http://www.bendbulletin.com/home/5850488-151/us-and-canada-to-begin-talks-in-2018>

Major Portland recycling center fire spews toxics into air

KOIN 6 News | Dec. 17 | <http://koin.com/2017/12/16/major-commercial-fire-closes-traffic-on-se-foster/>

Officials 'Cautiously Optimistic' About Portland Harbor Cleanup After EPA Meeting

EarthFix | Dec. 15 | **Updated story:** <https://www.opb.org/news/article/portland-harbor-superfund-task-force-visit/>

Lack of dialogue with Bristol Bay Native Corp. disappointing, says Pebble

KDLG | Dec. 16 | <http://kdlg.org/post/lack-dialogue-bristol-bay-native-corp-disappointing-says-pebble>

Shell games: Washington a leader in oyster farming

Spokesman Review | Dec. 17 | <http://www.spokesman.com/stories/2017/dec/17/shell-games-washington-a-leader-in-oyster-farming/#/0>

State figures show trains carried 56 million barrels of crude across state in a year

Spokesman Review | Dec. 18 | <http://www.spokesman.com/stories/2017/dec/17/state-figures-show-trains-carried-56-million-barre/>

Pebble finds partner to help jump-start contentious mine

E&E News /Greenwire | Dec. 18 | <https://www.eenews.net/greenwire/2017/12/18/stories/1060069291>

The oil industry seems interested in ANWR, but how much money will it generate?

Anchorage Daily News | Dec. 18 | <https://www.adn.com/business-economy/energy/2017/12/17/oil-industry-appears-interested-in-anwr-but-how-much-money-will-it-generate/>

New NPR-A assessment to spark debate over expanded drilling

E&E News /Greenwire | Dec. 18 | <https://www.eenews.net/stories/1060069243>

OMB Reviewing Pruitt's Plan To Replace EPA Regions With State Offices

Inside EPA | Dec. 15 | <https://insideepa.com/daily-news/omb-reviewing-pruitts-plan-replace-epa-regions-state-offices>

EPA HQ News Releases:

EPA Announces Next Steps After Proposed Clean Power Plan Repeal:

<https://www.epa.gov/newsreleases/epa-announces-next-steps-after-proposed-clean-power-plan-repeal>

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